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These have been previously submitted in the U.S. Patent No. 6,148,010 issued 11/14/2000 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Distributing and Consolidating Data Packets onto Multiple Network Interfaces"; and in the pending U. S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/151,533 filed 09/11/1998 entitled "LOOPBACK PROCESSING METHOD AND APPARATUS" and currently assigned to the assignee of the present application.

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A list of the references cited herein is set forth on Form PTO-1449 which is enclosed herewith. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.98(d) Applicants are not required to submit copies of the references and accordingly have not provided copies herewith. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner return to Applicants the enclosed copy of the Form PTO-1449 indicating consideration of the references.

The subject application is believed patentable over any of the above-references.

Respectfully submitted,

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